

THE PERUVIAN MONITORS.

Council on Board the Monitors—Detailing the Officers—An Unsatisfactory Arrangement to the Americans—Desertions—Future Movements.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4, 1869.

Reports from the Peruvian fleet anchored off Southwest Pass state that on the day before yesterday Mr. Medina, the Minister, and all of the Peruvian officers, including the Commodore, had a council on board one of the monitors and had quite a stormy discussion. After numerous arguments for and against the measure it was resolved to make a fresh detail of the officers. As a consequence the monitor Manco Capac is henceforth to be commanded entirely by Peruvian officers, with the exception of one ensign, Mr. McKay, an American. The monitor Atahualpa, on the other hand, will, with the exception of Captain Moore as commander, have none but American officers on board. This change has given considerable dissatisfaction to the engineers, who are all Americans, and who are very much indisposed to trust their lives to foreign officers who know absolutely nothing of the management of these monitors. Under these circumstances, it is very much feared that there will be further trouble between the officers and men.

During the storm last Tuesday night thirteen men deserted, taking a boat with them from the monitor. The number of men recovered on Wednesday, but so far nothing has been heard of the missing. Great precautions have been taken to prevent further desertions. The fleet will probably get off next Wednesday for Pensacola. Both the monitors and the transports Maranon and Huanuco are lying off Pico. The engine rooms of the Huanuco have not yet changed her flag. When she does it is probable that there will be difficulty with her crew, as was the case with that of the Maranon.

Officer with the Peruvians, Mr. Medina, has had uphill work with these vessels, and has been badly victimized by contractors, mechanics, crew and almost everybody with whom he has had business. What the wind-up of the present muddle will be can scarcely be told. Whether the monitors ever reach Peru depends entirely upon circumstances.

THE HILL HOMICIDE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Motion for a New Trial—The Specifications.

(From the Philadelphia Ledger, Jan. 11.)

On Saturday the Court of Oyer and Terminer was convened, with Judges Allison, Ludlow, Peirce and Brewster on the bench, for the purpose of disposing of motions for a new trial in the cases of George S. Williams and his co-defendants. It was generally known that the accused were to be brought up, and therefore, the crowd in the court room did not greatly exceed that which is usual to a Saturday session. Mr. Twitchell, when he appeared, looked as composed as usual, quietly seated at his desk, where he visited him at the dockets. In the case the following reasons were filed in support of a motion for a new trial:

1. Because the learned District Attorney told the jury, in his closing address, that the man whom he had watched the case, and their feelings had become more intensified as its conclusion drew near.

2. Because the learned District Attorney told the jury, in his closing address, that the people were willing to let the man go, if he had committed violence to be checked or continued.

3. Because the learned District Attorney told the jury, in his closing address, that eight or nine hundred thousand persons were anxiously awaiting the result of this trial.

4. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury as follows:—"I do not remember that there is any question raised here on either side which requires me to trouble you with definitions of the various grades of homicide."

5. Because the learned Judge, when speaking of the experiments in regard to hearing the sound of the unlocking of the door, stated all the evidence excepting that of Officer Thorp, who testified that he was not present when the door was unlocked, was made by the defense.

6. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury that "a drop of blood was found upon the upper part of the blanket on the bed in defendant's room."

7. The Judge erred in charging the jury in language from which they were to infer that the accused, when he was found in the house, upon the shirt cuff and collar of Mrs. Hill, whereas the experts called by the defense testified that said stains might have been made by the hands of some other person.

8. Because the learned Judge, when speaking of the experiments in regard to hearing the sound of the unlocking of the door, stated all the evidence excepting that of Officer Thorp, who testified that he was not present when the door was unlocked, was made by the defense.

9. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury that there was evidence in the case that the prisoner had spoken of the deceased insultingly, referring to the evidence of Joseph Gilbert; the fact being that the time spoken of by Joseph Gilbert was at least six months before the trial, and therefore too remote to be admitted as a threat.

10. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury that Mr. Hollingshead "had told them something about the ownership of the house and premises, the rent, &c., and upon the strength of this he was to be held responsible."

11. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury that there was evidence in the case that the prisoner had spoken of the deceased insultingly, referring to the evidence of Joseph Gilbert; the fact being that the time spoken of by Joseph Gilbert was at least six months before the trial, and therefore too remote to be admitted as a threat.

12. Because the learned Judge erred in charging the jury that "I have endeavored, gentlemen, to touch upon every point in the case and present all the evidence under appropriate heads." Whereas he had omitted to touch upon the following most material facts in evidence of active importance to the prisoner:

13. That the witness Algett stated that he had communicated his secret of seeing the two men leave the house to the persons residing at his boarding house (giving their names) at the breakfast table upon the very morning succeeding the murder, and that upon the same day he had told Mr. Clegg and others of the circumstances.

14. That the District Attorney, although he had part of two days to ascertain whether or not this above mentioned statement of Algett was true or false, did not produce any of said persons named by Algett to corroborate it.

15. Because the verdict was against the law.

After a few remarks from Mr. Mann, counsel for the prisoner, and by District Attorney Sheppard, the argument on the motion for a new trial was adjourned for this (Monday) morning.

Additional Reasons for a New Trial.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11, 1869.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day additional reasons were filed for asking a new trial of Twitchell, making nineteen in all.

THE WILL OF REV. GEORGE C. SHEPPARD.—The will of the late Rev. George C. Shepard, of this city, has been filed in the office of the Register of Probate. The estate is estimated at nearly \$200,000. The only bequests are to his wife, Mrs. Shepard, \$100,000, and his son, Robert, \$100,000, to be used for the support of the Boston Widows' and Single Women's Society of Boston, \$2,000 to the American Ellice Society, \$2,000 to the Episcopal Orphan Home in Boston, \$5,000 to St. Stephen's House, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Wells, \$1,000 to Amherst College, \$1,000 to the Boston Hospital, \$2,000 to an only surviving sister, and \$1,000 to Nathaniel H. Shurtleff, M.D., the present Mayor of the City of Boston, for many years the friend and physician of himself and of his late wife. The executors of the will are Southworth Shaw and S. F. McCleary. —Boston Journal, Jan. 11.

MINNESOTA.—The official majority for negro suffrage, 1,000,000, has passed 1,18,181; against restricting the action of the Legislature, as to disposing of the lands and five per cent fund the majority is 8,311. The majority in each case is large enough to make the decision conclusive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GUNNERS' STOUT AND YOUNGER'S ALE.

The brewer, horseradish, and C. G. M. Gunner, for the sale in New York, have sold to Wm. Younger & Co. & also terminated on the 1st inst. Customers will please forward their orders for the present to Mr. John Burke, of the firm of A. & J. Burke, Dublin.

Dated Jan. 1, 1869. —W. YOUNGER & CO., Edinburg.

PURE EXTRACT RHUBARB IS A VALUABLE REMEDY FOR diseases of the bladder and genital functions, dyspepsia, debility, &c. But the popular extracts are composed with cayenne pepper, &c., which are not extract which should only be used by prescription of an experienced M. D. If you will write to us in the most convenient manner, we will furnish you with a prescription, or call on S. LEMANOWSKY, 360 North Fifth street, Philadelphia.

THE NEW LIGHT.—\$250 REWARD WILL BE PAID TO any one that can produce from oxygen gas or any other gas a light that will burn for 12 hours.

One can prove that one foot of New York gas cannot be made by his process to give a light equal to three feet. But for oil purposes, the New York gas is superior to any other.

By CAMPBELL & CO., AUCTIONEERS—WILL SELLS THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at 366 West street, corner Tenth street, that ornament, old established concern, Liquor Store, with elegant fixtures, and a large and splendid establishment; this stock; this very large and splendid establishment will be offered entire on lot; if not so sold, will be closed out in lots.

At Auction Saleroom, No. 36 Nassau street.

By PHILLIP LEVY.

Catalogue sale of choice Old Paintings, by A. & J. Burroughs, 100 Nassau street.

By F. COLTON, AUCTIONEER ON TUESDAY, JAN. 15, 1869, at 10 o'clock, in the "Purniture and Pictures" saleroom, 100 Nassau street, New York, will be sold, a large collection of furniture, and pictures, &c., &c.

By ROBERT SOMERVILLE, AUCTIONEER AT NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Stuffed Animals—Lions, Bears, Elephants, Tigers, White Polar Bear, &c. ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer, 100 Nassau street, New York, will sell a large collection of Animals; Bird skins, fine cases of winter and summer Birds, &c. Catalogues now ready.

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